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SUBJ: SWISS SALES OF MACHINE TOOLS TO THE USSR

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1. THE EDO HAS APPROACHED MR. MAX KRELL OF THE SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION OF SWISS JIGMILL MACHINE TOOLS WITH NUMERICAL CONTROLS. MR. KRELL NOTED THAT MACHINE TOOLS WITH NUMERICAL CONTROLS FALL UNDER SECTION 1091B OF THE "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE US AND SWITZERLAND, ALL SWISS SALES OF EQUIPMENT IN THIS CATEGORY ARE REPORTED TO THE US ON A TWICE-YEARLY BASIS IN THE REPORT CALLED "SWISS EXPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL LIST COMMODITIES TO EASTERN COUNTRIES." A CHECK OF THE REPORTS FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS SHOWS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO SALES OF SUCH EQUIPMENT TO THE USSR. AS NOTED IN REFTEL A, NO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT OF JIGMILL MACHINE TOOLS WHICH FALL UNDER 1091B HAVE BEEN MADE OR ARE CURRENTLY PENDING.

2. MR. KRELL WAS UNABLE TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THE DIXI OR SIP MODELS CITED IN REFTEL B WERE NOT WXPOR TED TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE MERELY NOTED THAT, IF THESE MODELS WERE EXPORTED TO THE USSR, THEN THEY WERE NOT CONSIDERED TO HAVE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH WOULD MAKE THEM

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FALL WITHIN THE PRECISE CRITERIA SET UP FOR THIS EQUIPMENT

BY COCOM. IN THIS CASE NO RECORD OF THE SALES WOULD BE MADE OR KEPT BY THE GOS. THE DECISION WHETHER THE CRITERIA IN 1091 B OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIST APPLY TO A GIVEN TYPE OF SWISS JIGMILL IS AN INDEPENDENT DECISION OF THE SWISS GOVERNMENT. THUS FAR, THE APPLICATION OF COCOM CRITERIA BY SWISS AUTHORITIES HAS NOT BEEN QUESTIONED.

3. BECAUSE SWISS BUSINESS OPERATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND PROTECTED BY LAW, MR. KRELL WOULD NOT DISCUSS NON-COCOM-RELATED SHIPMENTS OF SWISS EQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. NOR COULD HE DISCUSS DIVERSIONS OF EQUIPMENT BY SWISS COMPANIES WHERE CASES ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION OR PENDING IN SWISS COURTS.

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